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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed June 27, 2002, Applicants present the following remarks.

Remarks

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following comments.
No new matter has been added. Claims 1-5 are pending in the application.

In the Office Action, claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), as being anticipated by any of Foster et al. (U.S. Patent No. 3,330,457), Perrine (U.S. Patent No. 3,227,347), Børresen et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,964,390), and Berger (DE 195 24 729). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

The claimed invention according to claim 1 is a method for rolling a strip of uneven thickness. The method comprises the steps of measuring the tension in the strip between rolls, winders, or control, guide, or deflecting rollers. Transverse stresses in the strip are absorbed with